

Appl. No. 09/685,305
Amdt. Dated July 31, 2003
Further Reply to Office Action of April 10, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18 to 20, 22 to 25, 27, 28, 30 to 34 and 55 to 57 remain in this application.

Claims 1 to 17, 21, 26, 29 and 35 to 54 have been cancelled, without prejudice.


Claims 18, 19, 22 to 25, 30 and 32 have been amended as suggested by and discussed with the Examiner to ensure proper enablement and improve definiteness. The Examiner has acknowledged that the claims are directed to allowable subject matter.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courteous and helpful telephone interviews of July 30 and 31.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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